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E.O. 12065: GDS: 10/20/86 (KAY, ANDREW R., JR.) OR-E
TAGS: SREF, AR, MX, PA, SHUM
SUBJECT: ARGENTINE ASYLEE IN MEXICAN EMBASSY

1. ~~LOW~~ THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR HAS GRANTED ASYLUM TO AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL, JUAN JOSE AGULLEIRO, SINCE OCTOBER 10. AGULLEIRO, WHO HAS BEEN LIVING IN PARAGUAY FOR TWO YEARS, APPARENTLY SOUGHT ASYLUM AFTER HIS SISTER AND HER HUSBAND, WHO ARE FARMERS IN THE CHACO, HAD BEEN DETAINED BY SECURITY FORCES. AGULLEIRO REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN A PERONISTA LABOR MOVEMENT AND FLED TO PARAGUAY TWO YEARS AGO. HIS SISTER AND HER HUSBAND REPORTEDLY ARE MEMBERS OF THE MONTANERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.
2. ~~LOW~~ THE PARAGUAYAN PRESS, APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF OFFICIAL INSPIRATION, HAS BEEN ATTACKING THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR FOR GRANTING ASYLUM TO AGULLEIRO, WHO THE PRESS CLAIMS IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES (POST-DATED CHECKS). THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR HAS RESPONDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES WERE LOOKING FOR AGULLEIRO AND THAT BASED ON HIS INVESTIGATIONS THE DECISION TO EXTEND ASYLUM WAS CORRECT.
3. ~~LOW~~ A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT GOP HAS INFORMATION (PRESUMABLY FROM ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES) THAT AGULLEIRO WAS OR IS HIMSELF A MONTANERO. IN ANY CASE, THIS INCIDENT DEMONSTRATES HOW WIDELY THE SECURITY DRAGNET HAS EXTENDED IN PARAGUAY AND THE EFFECT IT IS HAVING ON THE LIVES OF FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY ARGENTINES, WHO MAY BE POLITICALLY SUSPECT IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES AND HAVE COME TO PARAGUAY TO LIVE AS INFORMAL REFUGEES. IT IS NOW LIKELY THAT THE NUMBER OF ARGENTINE NATIONALS EXPELLED AS A RESULT OF THE POST-SOMOZA ASSASSINATION SECURITY SWEEP MAY BE NEARING TWO HUNDRED PERSONS. THIS ASYLUM CASE IS LIKELY TO STRAIN EVEN FURTHER MEXICAN/PARAGUAYAN RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN NONE TOO GOOD IN ANY CASE.
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